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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

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Observer status in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for associate members of regional commissions

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/202 of 21 December 1990 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries, in which the Assembly, inter alia, expressed concern about the adverse effects on those countries of sea-level rise resulting from climate change,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/70 of 11 December 1991 on cooperation and coordination of specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their assistance to Non-Seli-Governing Territories,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 46/168 of 19 December 1991 in which the Assembly endorsed decision 3/12 of 4 September 1991 of the

Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, on participation in the Conference, stressed the importance of the participation of developing countries in the preparatory process and in the Conference, and requested the Preparatory Committee at its fourth session to review relevant parts of the annex to section E of its decision 3/11, with a view to ensuring adequate and full participation of developing countries in the Conference and in its subsidiary bodies,

Taking into account provisions of the terms of reference of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean respectively, providing for associate membership,

Decides to recommend to the General Assembly that it reopen consideration of agenda item 78, "United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", at its forty-sixth session and that it adopt the following draft decision:

## Observer status in the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development for associate members of regional commissions

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To request the Secretary-General to invite, in addition to those listed in paragraph 9 of its resolution 46/168 of 19 December 1991, associate members of regional commissions to participate in the work of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in the capacity of observers;

(b) To amend the draft provisional rules recommended to the Conference by adding the following new rule:

### Rule 65 bis

### Associate members of regional commissions

Representatives designated by associate members of regional commissions may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Conference, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committee or working group.

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